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To the Chairman and Members of the
Wigton Rural District Council

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

I have pleasure in submitting to you my Annual Report for the year 1972.

I am grateful for the contribution of the Chief Public Health Inspector to the Report.

I wish to thank the Members of the Council, colleagues in other departments of the Council and the staff of the Health Department for their assistance during the year.

Mr Blackburn retired early in the year after 36 years with the Health Department. His contribution to the health and improvements in housing during these years has been very considerable and I wish him well for his retirement.

JOHN CONNOLLY
Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of district in acres	137,201
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population	22,140
Population at census of 1931	22,058
do. 1951	23,733
do. 1961	21,866
do. 1971	21,875
Number of inhabited houses at 31 December 1972 (according to rate books)	8,052
Rateable value at 1 April 1972	£659,355
Sum represented by a Penny rate (1p) - estimated 1972/73	£6,206

VITAL STATISTICS

	M	F	Total	Rate
Live Births				
Number	204	171	375	
Rate per 1,000 population				16.9
Illegitimate Live Births				
(per cent of total live births)				6.0
Stillbirths				
Number	4	5	9	
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths				23.0
Total Live and Stillbirths	208	176	384	
Infant Deaths (deaths under one year)	4	4	8	
Infant Mortality Rates				
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births				21.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births				23.0
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births				nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)				11.0
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)				5.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)				29.0
Deaths				
Number	165	161	326	
Crude rate per 1,000 population				14.7

Comparison with previous years

Year	Death Rate (Crude)	Birth Rate (Crude)	Illeg. Birth Rate	Stillbirth Rate	Infantile Mortality Rate	Neo-natal Mortality Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate
1963	14.2	19.2	5.1	14.2	36.1	33.7	47.4
1964	13.8	19.4	4.0	11.7	14.2	7.1	18.7
1965	11.5	16.5	7.2	19.1	27.8	19.4	38.1
1966	13.8	18.2	5.5	17.2	20.1	17.5	27.1
1967	13.8	16.5	6.9	24.3	13.9	6.0	29.7
1968	13.7	15.6	4.4	8.7	14.6	14.6	20.3
1969	14.1	17.0	6.2	28.6	16.0	10.7	39.1
1970	13.9	15.7	9.1	36.7	17.6	14.7	48.3
1971	14.8	16.8	6.0	16.0	49.0	38.0	45.0
1972	14.7	16.9	6.0	23.0	21.0	11.0	29.0

Comparison with other areas 1972

Area	Death Rate (Crude)	Birth Rate (Crude)	Illeg. Birth Rate	Stillbirth Rate	Infantile Mortality Rate	Neo-natal Mortality Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate
England and Wales	12.1	14.8	9.0	12.0	17.0	12.0	22.0
Admin. County of Cumberland	13.1	13.8	7.4	12.7	14.5	11.2	21.1
Urban Districts of Cumb. ..	12.9	13.9	8.0	11.1	12.0	9.6	18.2
Rural Districts of Cumb. ..	13.3	13.8	7.0	13.8	16.2	12.3	23.2
Rural District of Wigton ..	14.7	16.9	6.0	23.0	21.0	11.0	29.0

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS

There were 375 live births during the year, an increase from 369 in the previous year. There were eight deaths of children under one year. This represents an improvement over 1971 when there were 18 such deaths.

Deaths of children under one week (2) One of these children had a serious congenital abnormality and the other was premature.

Deaths of children one to four weeks (2) One of these children died of an abdominal complaint and the other of a respiratory illness.

Deaths of children four weeks - one year (4) Three of these were deaths due to respiratory illnesses; in the fourth an abdominal complaint and a respiratory illness were combined.

The perinatal mortality rate shows a decrease on 1971 when it was 45.0. This reflects the fall in infant deaths together with a rise of stillbirths from six to nine.

Apart from the deaths of the older infants at home all the other mortality of the infant group occurred in hospital.

All stillbirths and deaths in the first week of life are studied by the Maternity Liaison Committees for East and West Cumberland. Variations in local rates are to be expected because of the very small numbers involved.

In general the infant health results show improvement over last year but a further improvement is to be hoped for.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1972

Causes of death	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.....	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, intestine ..	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	1
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	3	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, prostate ...	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Leukaemia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other malignant neoplasms	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	2	3
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	-

Benign and unspecified neoplasms	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes mellitus	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other endocrine etc. diseases	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of nervous system	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	1
Hypertensive disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Ischaemic heart disease	M	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	11	23	15
	F	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	13	31
Other forms of heart disease ..	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	5
	F	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	8
Cerebrovascular disease	M	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	6	14
	F	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	25
Other diseases of circulatory system	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
Pneumonia	M	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3
	F	7	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
Bronchitis and emphysema	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

Causes of death	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Peptic ulcer	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cirrhosis of liver	M	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of digestive system	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Congenital anomalies	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birth injury, difficult Labour, etc	M	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Motor vehicle accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other accidents	M	7	-	-	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	1	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	165	2	2	2	2	-	1	7	7	29	55	58
	F	161	2	2	1	-	1	-	2	10	15	38	90

In 1972 there were 66 deaths due to cancer. Thirteen of these were cancers of the lung, 10 male and three female. The major factor in this form of cancer is of course cigarette smoking. Cigarette smoking contributes to bronchitis and there were eight male deaths plus one female death from bronchitis and emphysema. These statistics are the same as in 1971.

Ischaemic heart disease, commonly known as coronary heart disease caused the death of 54 males and 48 females. This is the commonest single cause of death. This is the third important group of deaths where smoking makes its contribution to ill health.

All potential school leavers in the area are addressed on the problems of smoking and health. There cannot be any smoker resident in the district who is unaware of the dangers of smoking cigarettes. No logical person can dispute the facts and the appearance of government health warnings on cigarette packets and advertisements serve as a constant reminder.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of cases notified (other than tuberculosis) during the year:-

Disease	0-1	1-5	5-15	15-25	25 & over	Age unknown	Total
Measles	6	36	60	1	-	1	104
Scarlet fever	-	3	3	-	-	-	6
Infective jaundice .	-	-	12	3	1	-	16
Totals	6	39	75	4	1	1	126

Measles again provided the largest statistic in notified infectious disease. With an effective vaccine against measles being used extensively in the district it is hoped that eventually this may become an uncommon or absent disease in the community. The vaccine is mainly given through booked appointments at the family doctor's surgery through the County Council's computerised immunisation scheme. Measles notifications have again fallen from 132 cases in 1971 but the figures remain high. Older unimmunised children were mainly affected.

Infective jaundice has again given rise to some notifications during the year. Children of 5-15 years have been mainly affected as in 1971. Control is difficult because of the long incubation period for this disease. All cases have been investigated for association with food handling.

Cases of scarlet fever were similarly investigated.

TUBERCULOSIS

The general situation with regard to tuberculosis shows little change from year to year. There were no new notifications during the year.

The number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1972 was as follows:

	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary	26	12	38
Non-pulmonary	-	1	1
All forms of tuberculosis .	26	13	39

New cases recorded during the past ten years are shown in the following table:

Year	New cases	
	Respiratory	Non-respiratory
1963	4	1
1964	8	2
1965	2	1
1966	3	-
1967	2	1
1968	1	-
1969	2	-
1970	5	-
1971	2	-
1972	-	-

R E P O R T

on the

Work Carried Out

by the

Public Health Inspectors

During the Year

1972

December 1973

I have pleasure in presenting my contribution to the Health Report for the year 1972.

HOUSING There has been an increase of 242 houses occupied during the year under review with 66 of these being built for Council letting by The North Eastern Housing Association Limited. One hundred and forty-eight families were rehoused by the Council during the year, this being the largest number since 1968. Probably due to this and the continued programme of house building together with the occupancy of the ex-Naval properties at Anthorn the number of applicants for accommodation was reduced by 17 per cent. Unfortunately very little building in the public sector is expected in 1973.

Progress for the revitalization of the former pit village of Harriston did not proceed as rapidly as was hoped and the decline of the state of the dwellings there has continued. The pattern of closure of unfit dwellings on vacation has continued but this has helped to increase the state of dereliction in the village by the vandalism occurring in the empty properties.

With the increase of grant aid from one half to three quarters, applications for grant aid continued to rise. A total of 870 visits, an increase of 300 on the previous year, were made in connection with grants during the year. One hundred and fiftyfour dwellings were improved involving £116.322 grant aid paid out. These figures are expected to be even greater during 1973.

Many properties in the district still lack modern amenities and would be capable of modernisation. Some are occupied by elderly persons who do not have the means to carry out their own improvements and in any case would prefer to have the opportunity of obtaining bungalow accommodation. This need in the district of bungalows for letting if met by further building would release property for improvement to be purchased in many cases by future owner/occupiers.

FOOD Milk and Ice Cream Sampling results again have been generally satisfactory. Action resulting from the failure of some milk samples from a small local dairy to pass the phosphatase test resulted in the owner discontinuing the pasteurising of milk.

Other Foods Again the percentage of the inspectorate's time devoted to food hygiene and the inspection of foodshops was disappointing. Unfortunately routine work is often neglected when the pressure of incoming work is great, and can only be accommodated satisfactorily when adequate staff is available to cover the increased volume of work.

Meat Inspection Throughput has continued at a high rate at the public abattoir with a similar number of animals slaughtered as in 1971. With the still increasing demand on the inspectorate's time, particularly due to improvement grant work, the Council agreed to the appointment of a meat inspector.

Water Water sampling again shows satisfactory results from the public supply provided by the West Cumberland Water Board who have continued during the year to improve supplies in the district where pressure is low. The unsatisfactory samples are generally from private supplies where it is impossible to connect to the public supply.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL A weekly collection of refuse is being maintained throughout the district, the material being disposed of by tipping in two disused quarries with an additional two small tips being used once weekly. It is of particular concern therefore that certain members of the public continue to dump their rubbish in unauthorised places throughout the district, thereby desecrating the countryside and providing a danger to farm animals. The low density of the refuse nowadays requires the use of vehicles capable of compressing the material in order to reduce time spent on visits to the tips. An order was placed at the end of the year for the supply of such a modern vehicle which can accept any kind of household refuse left for collection. With the conversion of a local factory from solid fuel to natural gas, the supply of ash for covering material ceased, and other material such as the reuse of refuse from an old tipping site, or excavated material from building sites, had to be used.

POLLUTION Further complaints were received concerning the discharge of acid droplets into the atmosphere at Silloth causing damage to vegetation and property. The firm involved manufactures copper foil from waste copper using the principle of electrolysis. Contamination of a nearby water course was also occurring. The firm have undertaken to provide scrubbing apparatus to prevent further discharge of acid droplets and to provide a filtration unit for the liquid effluent. Samples of fruit and vegetables from nearby dwellings were taken to check for excessive copper content.

LEISURE With the average working week reducing and with wages and annual holidays increasing, opportunities for recreational activities have been growing considerably recently. The traditional holiday resorts have become overcrowded and people are looking elsewhere for places to spend their leisure time. This has caused an increase in the number of visitors to the Solway Coast. The number of licensed caravan sites has increased, but many people are using the common land along the coast to site their caravans. With no sanitary facilities available here and water only obtainable from local householders, there is a potential danger to health. It has, so far, been impossible to control this situation, although no health hazards have been attributed yet to the conditions existing.

As far as sea bathing in the area is concerned, raw sewage, in common with most coastal areas, is discharged directly into the sea. While the Medical Research Council has said that bathing in sewage polluted sea water carries a negligible risk to health, if only for amenity or aesthetic considerations, steps should be taken to ensure that all sewage will be treated as is expected in inland areas.

CONCLUSION I am particularly indebted to my colleagues in the department, both to the inspectorate and clerical staffs for their assistance in compiling this report, and also to their loyalty during the year. Appreciation is also due to officials and other members of staff in the other departments of the Council for their co-operation whenever needed.

A PARTINGTON

Chief Public Health Inspector

H O U S I N G

GENERAL HOUSING STATISTICS

Year	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Occupied dwellings in the area .	7,660	7,700	7,764	7,810	8,052
Houses built for the Council during the year	113	28	7	64	66
Private houses built during year	46	51	40	48	20
Total number of occupied houses subject to Clearance Orders, Demolition Orders, Closing Orders or Undertakings	15	12	11	8	5
Houses demolished or closed during year as a result of statutory action	26	34	26	67	25
Houses made fit through statutory action	4	15	6	6	5
Total number of houses known to be overcrowded	1	3	3	2	2
New cases of overcrowding recorded during year	1	2	3	1	1
Cases of overcrowding relieved during year	1	-	3	2	1
Total applicants for Council houses	591	670	752	745	616
Applicants for exchange of Council houses, included above .	100	107	120	92	94
Applications for Council houses received during year	279	220	243	225	234
Families rehoused by Council during year	161	87	58	120	148
Improvement grants carried out .	34	39	109	127	154

APPLICANTS REHOUSED BY LOCAL AUTHORITY

	From private houses to		Exchanges and transfers to	
	New houses	Existing houses	New houses	Existing houses
Abbeytown houses	- (-)	3 (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Abbeytown bungalows	- (-)	4 (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Allonby houses	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Aspatria houses	- (-)	7 (9)	- (-)	3 (1)
Aspatria bungalows	- (-)	3 (3)	- (-)	1 (-)
Aspatria supported independency bungalows ..	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)	1 (-)
Blennerhasset bungalows ..	- (-)	2 (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Fletchertown houses	- (-)	2 (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Hayton houses	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Hayton bungalows	- (5)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Kirkbride houses	12 (-)	2 (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Kirkbride bungalows	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Newton Arlosh houses	- (-)	2 (1)	- (-)	1 (-)
Oulton houses	- (-)	2 (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Oulton bungalows	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Silloth houses	- (9)	11(11)	- (1)	7 (6)
Silloth bungalows	- (9)	2 (1)	- (2)	1 (-)
Silloth supported independency bungalows ..	-(16)	1 (-)	- (4)	- (-)
Thursby houses	- (-)	3 (4)	- (-)	1 (-)
Thursby bungalows	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Waverton houses	- (-)	1 (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Westnewton bungalows	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Wigton houses	34 (-)	29(22)	5 (-)	17(10)
Wigton bungalows	12(15)	9 (5)	3 (3)	2 (-)
Wigton supported independency bungalows ..	- (-)	1 (3)	- (-)	- (1)
Totals	58(54)	90(66)	8(10)	34(18)

Previous year's figures in brackets

UNFIT HOUSES

Address of property	Number of houses				
	Represented	Demolition Order	Closing Order	Undertaking	Carried forward
* West End Cottages, Oulton	-	-	-	-	3
* Sea Dyke End, Silloth	-	-	-	1	-
* Station View, Abbeytown ..	-	-	-	-	1
* Shawk Bottom,E.Curthwaite	-	1	-	-	-
* The Rest, Blitterlees	-	-	-	-	1
West End, Kirkbride	4	4	-	-	-
Silver Hill, Kirkbride	1	1	-	-	-
Silver Hill, Kirkbride	1	-	1	-	-
Pasture Cottages, Kirkbride	2	-	-	-	2
Guard House, Abbeytown	1	1	-	-	-
90 Harriston	1	-	1	-	-
103 Harriston	1	1	-	-	-
1/3 North Road, Aspatria ...	2	-	-	-	2
Barnett Rigg Cottage, Curthwaite	1	1	-	-	-
22 New Street, Wigton	1	-	1	-	-
Newlands Row Cottage, Mealsgate	1	-	1	-	-
Carried forward	16	9	4	1	9

Address of property	Number of houses				
	Represented	Demolition Order	Closing Order	Undertaking	Carried forward
Brought forward	16	9	4	1	9
51 Market Hill, Wigton	1	-	1	-	-
The Cottage, George Street, Wigton	1	-	-	-	1
58 High Street, Wigton	1	-	-	-	1
Yew Tree Cottage, Dundraw ...	1	1	-	-	-
Dundraw	1	1	-	-	-
South View, Dundraw	1	Demolished before Order made			
10 Harriston, Aspatria	1	-	1	-	-
1/2 East Court, Blennerhasset	2	2	-	-	-
East End Cottage, Kirkbampton	1	-	-	1	-
1 Field View, Glasson	1	-	1	-	-
20 Harriston, Aspatria	1	-	1	-	-
Windmill House, Langrigg	1	-	-	-	1
48 Burnfoot, Wigton	1	-	-	-	1
Appleby House, Abbeytown	1	-	-	-	1
Totals	31	13	8	2	14

* Represented prior to 1972

BREAKDOWN OF APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL AND

NORTH EASTERN HOUSING ASSOCIATION HOUSES AND BUNGALOWS

	Applicants				Deduct Council Property Vacated	Corrected Total	
	Living in Council Property	General	Out-siders	Total		Houses	Bung-alows
Abbeytown houses ...	1	8	2	11	4	7	
Abbeytown bungalows	2	2	1	5	-		5
Aikton	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Allonby	-	8	-	8	1	7	
Aspatria houses	10	89	10	109	28	81	
Aspatria bungalows .	27	35	9	71	4		67
Beckfoot	-	1	-	1	-	1	
Blennerhasset houses	-	3	1	4	1	3	
Blennerhasset bungs.	-	1	2	3	-		3
Blencogo	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bolton houses	1	3	-	4	-	4	
Bolton bungalows ...	-	4	1	5	-		5
Carwath	-	2	-	2	-	2	
Church Hill	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cowslow	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Drumburgh	-	2	-	2	-	2	
Fletchertown houses.	-	2	-	2	1	1	
Fletchertown bungs .	2	3	-	5	-		5
Glasson houses	-	8	1	9	1	8	
Glasson bungalows ..	-	2	-	2	-		2
Hayton houses	-	4	-	4	-	4	
Hayton bungalows ...	-	-	-	-	-		-
Ireby	1	4	-	5	-	5	
Kirkbampton	-	4	-	4	-	4	
Kirkbride houses ...	-	3	1	4	-	4	
Kirkbride bungalows.	1	5	1	7	-		7
Newton Arlosh	-	1	-	1	1	-	
Oulton houses	-	1	-	1	-	1	
Oulton bungalows ...	-	-	1	1	-		1
Rosley	-	-	2	2	1	1	
Silloth houses	15	43	6	64	20	44	
Silloth bungalows ..	9	55	16	80	3		77
Thursby houses	1	12	8	21	-	21	
Thursby bungalows ..	2	5	1	8	1		7
Torpenhow	-	2	-	2	-	2	
Uldale	-	2	-	2	2	-	
Wath Head	-	1	-	1	-	1	
Waverton	-	2	-	2	-	2	
Westnewton houses ..	-	1	-	1	-	1	
Westnewton bungalows	-	1	2	3	1		2
Wigton houses	10	69	15	94	19	75	
Wigton bungalows ...	12	41	13	66	6		60
Totals	94	429	93	616	94	281	241

DISPOSITION OF COUNCIL AND

NORTH EASTERN HOUSING ASSOCIATION HOUSES AND BUNGALOWS

1BB	2BB	1BB SI	2BH	2BF	3BH	3BB	4BH	Total	Annual Wastage	
-	-	-	13	-	63	-	-	76	2	Abbeytown houses
6	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	2	Abbeytown bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	Aikton
-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	22	1	Allonby
-	-	-	43	-	257	-	19	319	8	Aspatria houses
14	47	10	-	-	-	-	-	71	3	Aspatria bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	Beckfoot
-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6	-	Blennerhasset houses
-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	Blennerhasset bungs.
-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6	-	Blencogo
-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	Bolton houses
-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	Bolton bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	Carwath
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	Church Hill
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	Cowslow
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	Drumburgh
-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	9	1	Fletchertown houses
-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	Fletchertown bungs.
-	-	-	-	-	13	-	1	14	-	Glasson houses
-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	Glasson bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	Hayton houses
-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	Hayton bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	Ireby
-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	Kirkbampton
-	-	-	-	-	34	-	-	34	1	Kirkbride houses
-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	Kirkbride bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	16	1	Newton Arlosh
-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	14	1	Oulton houses
-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	Oulton bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	Rosley
-	-	-	23	8	136	-	32	199	9	Silloth houses
23	11	20	-	-	-	-	-	54	1	Silloth bungalows
-	-	-	1	-	79	-	2	82	3	Thursby houses
6	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	Thursby bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	8	-	Torpenhow
-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	Uldale
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	Wath Head
-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	1	Waverton
-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6	-	Westnewton houses
-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	Westnewton bungalows
-	-	-	95	-	497	4	34	630	23	Wigton houses
42	104	20	-	-	-	-	-	166	8	Wigton bungalows
91	232	50	175	8	1208	4	88	1856	66	Totals

NOTE: 1BB = 1 bedroom bungalow. SI = supported independency. 2BH = 2 bedroom house. F = flat. Annual wastage = average for 3 years

TABLE SHOWING POSITION REGARDING
DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Year	Formal applic-ations	Cases Invest-igated	Visits for all purposes	Applications finalised			
				Owner occupied	Tenanted	Approved expenditure	Grant paid
						£.	£.
1950	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
1951	2	6	10	1	-	340	170
1952	2	8	25	2	-	400	200
1953	7	20	77	3	1	2,402	1,201
1954	26	65	269	5	7	6,399	3,177
1955	40	104	297	21	10	19,435	8,642
1956	24	76	257	25	18	28,909	12,263
1957	34	98	288	17	12	18,463	8,119
1958	28	69	351	13	9	14,153	5,659
1959	30	91	282	15	8	20,761	7,093
1960	31	73	293	22	11	24,567	10,280
1961	34	108	346	9	10	14,417	6,249
1962	26	62	280	21	11	26,478	10,595
1963	25	73	235	13	13	20,993	8,789
1964	25	40	204	12	12	25,285	8,681
1965	27	49	209	14	6	21,383	7,507
1966	21	42	241	16	9	26,376	9,217
1967	12	27	182	20	4	27,149	9,267
1968	49	48	200	12	4	20,282	6,203
1969	61	66	285	8	3	10,793	4,205
1970	99	119	400	21	50	77,685	33,162
1971	123	209	564	52	44	123,897	55,040
1972	154	484	870	62	61	179,403	108,728
Totals	881	1,938	6,166	384	303	£709,970	£324,447

SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

BY WAY OF DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Item	Number	
Conversions to water carriage system	13	
By way of septic tanks	2	
Connections to Council's sewers	11	
New drains laid	103	
Water closets provided	46	
Washbasins and sinks provided	167	(96)
New ranges and grates provided	53	(44)
Hot water laid on	33	
Electricity installations	3	
Additional bedrooms provided	16	(13)
Kitchens improved	68	
Kitchens built	30	
Bathrooms built	29	
Bathrooms converted from other accommodation .	75	
New floors laid	91	(36)
Windows enlarged	102	(37)
Food stores provided	91	
Rooms heightened	20	(10)
Dampness remedied	66	
Mains water supply laid on	1	
Buildings converted to dwellinghouses	4	

(figures in brackets show number of houses involved)

TABLE SHOWING POSITION REGARDING

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Year	Applic-ations approved	Applications finalised			
		Total	Cost of Works	Maximum grant payable	Grant paid
			£.	£.	£.
1959	104	4	938	385	314
1960	37	108	5,035	2,460	2,145
1961	72	28	6,905	3,423	2,959
1962	36	68	6,237	3,080	2,716
1963	40	33	8,799	4,590	4,080
1964	28	37	9,779	5,160	4,393
1965	38	30	8,916	4,392	3,964
1966	31	32	12,392	5,863	5,357
1967	24	28	10,437	5,451	4,579
1968	31	18	7,246	3,103	2,787
1969	41	27	12,269	6,049	5,283
1970	32	38	18,270	8,553	7,873
1971	32	31	11,022	6,982	5,496
1972	60	31	13,432	8,212	7,594
Totals	606	513	£131,677	£67,703	£59,540

SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR BY WAY OF STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Item	Number
Baths provided	24
Washbasins provided	24
Sinks provided	5
Hot water laid on	25
Water closets provided	28
Food stores provided	1

DWELLINGS IMPROVED BY WAY OF GRANTS

Parish	Discretionary grants	Standard grants
Aikton	13	9
Allhallows	26	34
Allonby	12	15
Aspatria	77	115
Blennerhasset & Torpenhow ..	28	11
Boltons	14	7
Bowness	26	20
Bromfield	32	17
Caldbeck	33	19
Dundraw	6	5
Hayton & Mealo	8	3
Holme Abbey	13	11
Holme East Waver	13	9
Holme Low	14	4
Holme St Cuthbert	18	10
Ireby	23	5
Kirkbampton	8	4
Kirkbride	14	11
Sebergham	11	10
Silloth	67	38
Thursby	9	4
Waverton	17	5
Westnewton	13	3
Westward	27	11
Wigton	150	149
Woodside	14	5
Totals	686	534

F O O D

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED, AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART AT THE PUBLIC ABATTOIR AND PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Killed at public abattoir .	3,814	192	25	12,563	4,174
Killed at private abattoir	10	-	-	39	-
Totals	3,824	192	25	12,602	4,174
Inspected at public abattoir ...	3,814	192	25	12,563	4,174
private abattoir ..	10	-	-	39	-
Totals	3,824	192	25	12,602	4,174
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI					
Whole carcases condemned ..	3	6	4	23	2
Percentage	0.08	3.13	16.00	0.18	0.05
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	1,112	82	2	404	151
Percentage	29.80	42.71	8.00	3.21	3.62
TUBERCULOSIS					
Whole carcases condemned ..	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	-	-	-	11
Percentage	-	-	-	-	0.26
CYSTICERCOSIS					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

PRINCIPAL GROUNDS OF CONDEMNATION OF CARCASES AND OFFAL

AT THE PUBLIC ABATTOIR AND PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE

Disease	Bovine lbs.	Calves lbs.	Sheep lbs.	Pigs lbs.
Abscess	1752	6	77	171
Actinobacillosis	154	-	-	-
Angioma	152	-	-	-
Arthritis	-	-	69	-
Ascariasis	-	-	-	303
Blood splash	-	-	-	32
Buccal inflammation and oedema	25	-	-	-
B Necrosis	16	-	-	-
Cirrhosis	54	-	-	9
Congestion	15	-	-	-
Contamination and potential bacterial spoilage	-	-	-	20
Coryne bacterium	-	-	-	8
Cyst	5	-	-	-
Decomposition	50	-	131	-
Distomatosis	5181	-	510	-
Emaciation	-	-	50	-
Fatty degeneration	26	-	7½	-
Glossitis	9	-	-	-
Hepatitis	-	-	-	7
Hydatid cyst	-	-	4	-
Hydronephrosis	10	-	-	4
Hydrothorax	-	-	75	-
Injury/bruising	892	20	105	37
Jaundice	-	-	64	-
Milk spots	-	-	-	2
Moribund	-	-	44	-
Nephritis	14	-	-	-
Oedema	2706	138	470	-
Parasitic	29	-	178½	-
Pericarditis	31½	-	1½	8¾
Peritonitis	4	-	7	6
Pleurisy	550	-	38	65
Pneumonia	36	-	4½	8
Pyaemia	702	134	-	-
Septic injury/oedema	460	-	51	-
Septic pleurisy	-	-	100	32
Septic pneumonia	140	-	4	-
Swine erysipelas	-	-	-	109
Telangiectasis	39	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	146
Uraemia	-	-	56	-
Totals	13052½	298	2047	967¾

PARTICULARS OF FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED

AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

AT PLACES OTHER THAN SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Commodity	Cwts.	lbs.
Canned meats		37
Other canned foods	2	111
Other foods	-	-
Total	3	36

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF ICE CREAM

SAMPLING RESULTS

Category	Grading			
	I	II	III	IV
Soft	10	-	-	-
Other	37	4	4	1

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK

SAMPLING RESULTS

Total Samples	Untreated		Pasteurised			
	Methylene Blue test		Methylene Blue test		Phosphatase test	
	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
61	20	1	37	3	30	10

MILK SUPPLIES - BRUCELLA ABORTUS

UNTREATED SAMPLES OF MILK TESTED FOR

BRUCELLA ABORTUS

Samples	M.R.T. Positive	Brucella Abortus Isolated
21	1	1

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970

FOOD PREMISES SUBJECT TO THE ABOVE REGULATIONS

GROUPED IN CATEGORIES OF TRADE

Type of premises	Total No.	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 16 (provision of wash hand basins)	No. to which Reg. 19 applies (provision of sinks)	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Grocery	62	62	62	62
Bakery and confectionery	16	16	16	16
Sweet confectionery	16	16	2	2
Butchery and making-up rooms.	13	13	13	13
Dairies	4	4	4	4
Ice cream manufactories	1	1	1	1
Retail ice cream	4	4	4	4
Fruiterers	7	7	7	7
Fish friers	6	6	6	6
Wet fish	3	3	3	3
Licensed houses	60	60	60	60
Licensed clubs	5	5	5	5
Hotels	5	5	5	5
Cafes	11	11	11	11
Works' canteens	4	4	4	4
Village halls	23	23	23	23
Institutions	7	7	7	7
School dininghalls & canteens	34	34	34	34
Mineral water manufactories..	2	2	2	2
Shrimp picking	16	16	16	16
Totals	299	299	285	285

O F F I C E S S H O P S A N D

R A I L W A Y P R E M I S E S A C T 1 9 6 3

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(A) REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	1	26	12
Retail shops	5	78	37
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	3	3
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens .	2	8	8
Totals	9	115	60

Total number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises under the Act 78

(B) ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Section	Contravention	No. found
4	Cleanliness	-
5	Overcrowding	-
6	Temperature	6
7	Ventilation	2
8	Lighting	1
9	Sanitary conveniences	3
10	Washing facilities	2
11	Supply of drinking water	-
12	Clothing accommodation	1
13	Sitting facilities	-
14	Seats (sedentary workers)	-
15	Eating facilities	1
16	Floors, passages and stairs	7
17	Fencing exposed parts machinery	3
18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	-
23	Prohibition of heavy work	-
24	First aid general provisions	6
--	Hoists and lifts	-
--	Other matters	9
	Total	41

(C) EXEMPTIONS (Space; Temperature; Sanitary conveniences; and Running water)

No. of applications received nil
No. of applications granted nil

(D) PROSECUTIONS

No. instituted and completed during the year nil

(E) REPORTED ACCIDENTS

Workplace	Number Reported		Total Number investigated	Action recommended			No action
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Prosecution	Formal Warning	Informal Advice	
Offices	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail shops ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wholesale shops, warehouses ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Analysis of reported accidents

	Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale shops, warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens
Machinery	-	-	-	-
Transport	-	-	-	-
Stepping on or striking against object or person.	-	-	-	-
Handling goods ...	-	-	-	-
Struck by falling object	-	-	-	-
Fires and explosions	-	-	-	-
Electricity	-	-	-	-
Use of hand tools.	-	-	-	-
Not otherwise specified	-	-	-	-

WATER SUPPLIES

RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLES OF WATER TAKEN BY THE WEST CUMBERLAND WATER BOARD AND THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

	Samples taken			
	At source		At supply	
	Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory	Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory
From Chapel House Reservoir before treatment	-	5	-	-
After treatment at Filter works, Mealsgate	5	-	9	-
Haygill Intake	7	1	3	-
Townthwaite Intake	-	-	-	-
Thornthwaite Springs	-	-	-	-
Longlands Adit	-	-	11	-
Aughertree Spring	-	-	-	-
Routengill Intake (Carlisle C.B.)	-	-	2	-
Great Orton (Carlisle C.B.) ..	-	-	-	-
Private supplies	-	1	3	4

RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLES OF WATER TAKEN FROM THE SWIMMING BATHS AND PADDLING POOLS

Place	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Swimming Baths, Wigton	-	-
Swimming Baths, Solway Lido	-	-
Paddling Pool, The Green, Silloth	-	1
Paddling Pool, Solway Lido	-	-
Paddling Pool, Solway Holiday Camp ...	-	1

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

Legislation	Sub-Total	Total
Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963		7
Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963		-
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960		34
Civic Amenities Act 1967		29
Factories Act 1961		18
Food and Drugs Act 1955		918
Dairies	17	
Distributors of milk	11	
Food preparation rooms	12	
Food shops	32	
Knackers' yards	5	
Licensed premises	6	
Milk and ice cream sampling	125	
Outworkers - shrimp picking	12	
Poultry processing station	16	
Private slaughterhouse	21	
Public abattoir	632	
Travelling shops	13	
Unsound food in houses	1	
Unsound food in shops	8	
Village halls	7	
Housing Act 1957		143
Housing Act 1969		889
Improvement grants	870	
Qualification certificates	19	
Noise Abatement Act 1960		5
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963		78
Public Health Acts 1936/61		404
Camping sites and moveable dwellings	3	
Drains examined and/or tested	81	
Housing defects	70	
Nuisances	72	
Other defects	40	
Infectious diseases	43	
Insects	8	
Refuse removal: complaints regarding service	9	
do. refuse tips	47	
Water sampling	31	
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949		67
Rag Flock Act 1951		3
Miscellaneous		893
Housing applications	653	
Land charges searches	50	
Air pollution apparatus	52	
Air pollution	24	
Starlings	1	
Unclassified	113	

SUMMARY OF NOTICES

Legislation	Served	Complied with
<u>Informal</u>		
Public Health Acts 1936/1961	18	13
Housing Act 1957	1	1
Food and Drugs Act 1955	8	3
Factories Act 1961	4	1
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963	12	3
Civic Amenities Act 1967 ...	7	3
Total	50	24
<u>Statutory</u>		
Public Health Act 1961 - Section 29	11	8
Public Health Act 1936 - Section 93	-	2
Total	11	10

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Part I of the Act

I. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health:

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	85	18	4	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Totals	87	18	4	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:

	Number of cases in which defects were -				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature .	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation ...	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	4	1	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	4	1	-	-	-

RODENT CONTROL

Work undertaken during the year was as follows:

	Number
Properties inspected following notification	66
Infested by rats	43
Infested by mice	14
Properties inspected for rats/mice for reasons other than notification	34
Infested by rats	21
Infested by mice	-